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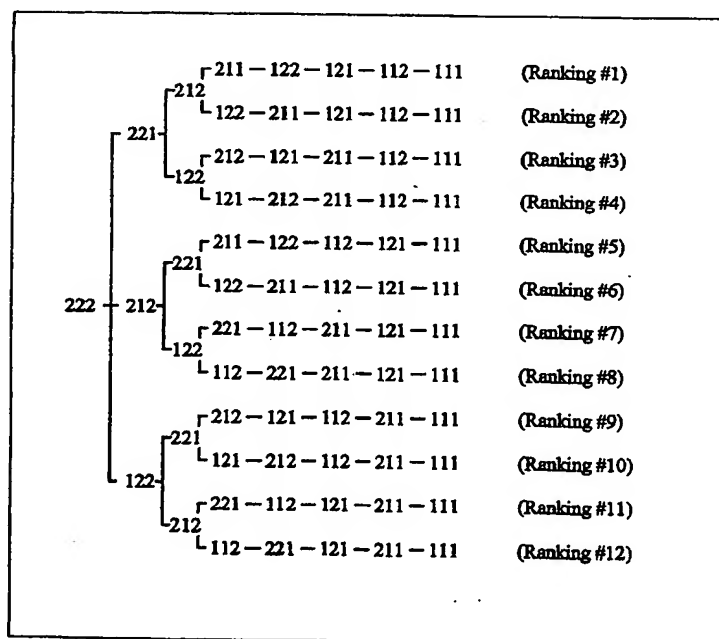[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM AND METHOD

(57) Abstract: The invention provides a decision support method comprising: for two or more predefined criteria each criterion associated with one or more pre-defined categories, determining a point value for each category on each criterion by the pairwise ranking of profile pairs wherein each profile comprises a set of two or more of the criteria, each criterion in the set instantiated with one of the categories for that criterion. The invention also provides a related system and computer program.

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